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In re Patent Application of:
Tamir Ben-David et al.

Application No.: 10/719,659

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Art Unit: N/A

For: SELECTIVE NERVE FIBER STIMULATION
FOR TREATING HEART CONDITIONS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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